What is claimed is:

- 1. A fuel injector (1) for direct injection of fuel into a combustion chamber of an internal combustion engine, having at least one retaining flange (5), which is situated on a nozzle body (2) of the fuel injector (1) and projects radially beyond the nozzle body (2), which has a working surface (6) for a hold-down device and is positionable on a seating surface (7) on a cylinder head of the internal combustion engine, wherein the retaining flange (5) extends over only a portion of the periphery of the fuel injector (1).
- 2. The fuel injector according to Claim 1,
 wherein there are two retaining flanges (5) situated opposite one another.
 - 3. The fuel injector according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein each retaining flange (5) is manufactured as a separate component and is joined to the nozzle body (2) in an integral or friction-locking manner.
 - 4. The fuel injector according to Claim 3, wherein each retaining flange (5) is welded to the nozzle body (2).
 - 5. The fuel injector according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein each retaining flange (5) is designed in one piece with the nozzle body (2).
 - 6. The fuel injector according to one of Claims 1 through 5, wherein the retaining flanges (5) each cover an angular range of approx. 45° in the peripheral direction.